

APPENDIX C

Resource Site Information

Community Traffic Safety Organization

Inspection Station Name: Northern New England AAA - Auto Car Care Center

Address: 191 Marginal Way, Portland, ME 04108

Contact: Terri Gilpatrick **Phone:** 207-228-4855 **Email:** teg144@maine.rr.com

Annual Budget (Not including salaries): \$0 - 5,000

Program Information:

Inspections are done at the Northern New England AAA (NNEAAA) Car Care Center on the third Thursday of every month from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The station averages 20 inspections per month.

The inspection station is located at the AAA Car Care Center with access to a sheltered, climate-controlled environment to inspect seats.

NNEAAA contracts with a CPS Technician to administer the program and conduct the inspections. The program plans to expand its CPS Tech base and begin advertising the service more heavily. NNEAAA recently had three of its staff members attend the NHTSA Standardized CPS course.

Emergency Medical Service Agency

Inspection Station Name: Mecklenburg EMS Agency

Address: 4525 Statesville Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

Contact: Eric Morrison **Phone:** 704-943-6163 **Email:** ericm@medic911.com

Annual Budget (Not including salaries): \$5,001 - 15,000

Program Information:

This agency began providing inspection services on an events basis in November 2000. In June 2002, the agency received a \$5000 grant from North Carolina Buckle Up to set up a fixed site, operating two four-hour days each month. In August 2002, the schedule was further supplemented when the local SAFE KIDS Coalition was awarded a grant for expanded permanent inspection services.

Currently, 23 staff members of the Mecklenburg EMS Agency are Certified CPS Techs. Typically, 5 Techs provide inspection services on an inspection day. The station averages 100 inspections per month. The inspection station is located at the agency's 65,000 square foot facility, providing a sheltered, climate-controlled environment.

In addition, the agency has formed several valuable partnerships with other local agencies that do not have the resources to staff/fund a permanent checking station on their own. These partnerships have allowed the agency to reduce their payroll expenditures by approximately one-half.

Whenever possible, the Mecklenburg EMS Agency partners with local businesses to promote the checking station. The partners assist in promoting the event as well as providing "giveaways" to help encourage participation. Typically, the sponsors have been Chick-Fil-A and Subway and have provided food coupons as incentives.

The program is expanding within the Latino community. A bilingual CPS technician is on site at least one of the two checking days each month. She also assists in producing targeted promotions for Latinos.

Government - Corporate Partnership

Inspection Station Name: Montgomery County-Fitzgerald Auto Mall

Address: 5501 Nicholson Lane, Rockville, MD 20852

Contact: John Lehman **Phone:** 301-370-0057 **Email:** lehmanj@fitzmall.com

Annual Budget (Not including salaries): over \$75,000

Program Information:

In conjunction with the Montgomery County Division of Consumer Affairs, Fitzgerald Auto Mall sponsors an inspection station that operates one Thursday per month (February - December) at the dealership on a drop-in basis from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The station is staffed by numerous city, county, state and federal employees in the area who are either compensated by their agency or they volunteer.

Over 85 CPS Technicians, CPS Instructors, other CPS-trained staff and others staff this station each month. An average of 350 safety seats are inspected per month at this station. Several inspectors are Spanish speaking and are available at all times. Replacement seats are provided for those who need them and a donation is suggested; although, no one is turned away for inability to pay. Fitzgerald Auto Mall provides a catered breakfast and lunch for all the staff, all inspection/installation supplies and equipment, and rents two 40 by 60-foot tents. The Montgomery County SAFE KIDS Coalition provides the replacement seats.

The station is advertised heavily through flyers, emails, newsletters and the county CPS hotline. On the day of the event, highway variable message signs are used.

Multi-Agency Group Including Police Agencies, Fire Departments and Health Care Providers

Agency Name: "Nurses and Cops Caring for Contra Costa Children" (Walnut Creek Police Department)

Inspection Station Name: Walnut Creek Police Department

Address: 1666 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Contact: Officer Scott Hansen **Phone:** 415-744-3089 **Email:** hansen@ci.walnut-creek.ca.us

Annual Budget (Not including salaries): \$5,001 - 15,000

Program Information:

Contra Costa County has several small cities with one to two person police departments. Because of the limited personnel, the agencies collaborated with each other. Twenty police agencies, fire departments and health care locations in Contra Costa County participate in the "Nurses and Cops Caring for Contra Costa Children" program. Twenty-five car seat inspections are held each year with each participating agency hosting events.

Inspections are held from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. An average inspection event day results in 50 – 80 car seat inspections. On numerous occasions the group has inspected as many as 135 car seats in a two-hour period.

Every November, the group sets the inspection schedule for the upcoming year. Each participating agency is required, through a memorandum of understanding, to assist in three other car seat inspection clinics. This arrangement allows the group to staff the events. The host agency is required to provide

lunch for each of the attending car seat technicians. Although the lunch is the only cost for an agency, the bill typically does not exceed \$200.

There are now more than 150 technicians in the “NC5” organization. Personnel are compensated by their agency or they volunteer. The group has a \$250,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, along with financial support from John Muir Medical Center. These funds are used to purchase equipment.

Approximately 6 – 10 car seat events a year are conducted in conjunction with insurance companies and other sponsors. Often, professional marketing agencies are paid by the sponsors to advertise these events. While sponsors get credit for the event, the participating agencies receive additional advertising to attract people that may need inspection services. These events have resulted in live radio broadcasts and numerous television segments during the weeks of national campaigns and during changes in California’s safety restraint laws.

State Police Agency

Agency Name : New York State Police

Inspection Station Name: Troop “B” Headquarters, SP Ray Brook

Address: Route 86, Box 100, New York, 12977 - 0100

Contact: Tech. Sgt. Kevin Mulverhill **Phone:** 518-897-2000 **Email:** kmulverh@troopers.state.ny.us

Annual Budget (Not including salaries): \$0 - 5,000

Program Information:

This permanent fitting station is one of 18 found at state police installations throughout New York. The station is sited at Troop “B” Headquarters, a regional headquarters of the New York State Police, located in Essex County, NY. This inspection station began operation in January 1999 and conducts an average of 30 inspections per month, depending on the season. Twelve inspectors working on a rotating basis are typically based at this station.

This inspection station is funded through a combination of State Police funds and federal highway safety grant funding. The station serves several communities within the geographical coverage area of the Troop. The community served by this fitting station is predominantly rural. State troopers who staff this station are full-time officers. Their performance of these fitting station duties is above and beyond the regular duties they perform.

The New York State Police typically partners with other agencies and volunteers to promote occupant protection and child passenger safety education. Partners include police departments, hospitals and physicians’ offices, health care providers and social services. The troopers who staff this permanent fitting station also participate in other public events, including child safety seat checks, speeches, training programs and public demonstrations.

Because parents and children must come to a state police installation to obtain these services, they have an opportunity to see troopers in a role other than that of law enforcement officer – that of a supportive, friendly public servant who teaches them how to be safer in the car.